



The Danish Soldiers Club

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings

As we enter 2019 changes have been made to our board, I have been selected to be the Club President, Keith Brians has been selected to be Vice President and Jill Brians has been selected to be Secretary.

All of us come to our positions with a connection to the history of our Club. I am a third generation member with both my grandparents and parents have been being members. As many of you know the Brians have a special connection to the Club through their *Morfar* (Keith)/ *Oldefar* (Jill) , Rasmus C. Rasmussen donating the Kastania Faelled property to the club in 1945 and his daughter Ellen Brians being a long time member until she passed away in 2005.

However, for the Club to continue and to thrive we need to encourage new lifeblood into our membership and with those new members the inspiration to become our future Club leaders.

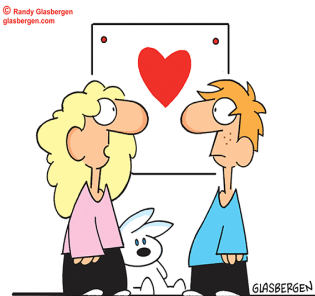
Rick



"The grandchildren said they Googled us. I didn't feel anything, did you?"

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"Valentine's Day is the holiday where men give presents to the woman they love to make up for the way they screwed up at Christmas."

Address Correction Requested

The Governing Board for 2019

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In spite of the weather 41 members and guests attended the February 2nd meeting. It was still a nice to start the 2019 season, and we had the pleasure to welcome four new board members, Michael Stecher, Adam Byer, Peg Saragina, and Dennis Wimple. Also we welcomed a new Club member Kevin Downing.

One of the subjects for the member meeting was the 2018 Christmas Party in Sonoma. It seems that many in our group enjoyed the new location, enough to the point we are considering it for 2019. We will inquire with both the County and our Caterer to make sure that we still provide the best cost consensus option possible.

We are now looking forward to a great 2019 season. The rest of the meetings will without any doubt have great Kastania Faelled picnic weather and temperatures.

Share this with your family and friends as a way to encourage new members to join and help us celebrate our Danish Heritage.

Remember the first BBQ is coming up in May just three month from now.

If you already have paid your dues for 2019 you can relax. If not, please send a check for \$30 to:

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1740 Brandee Lane

Santa Rosa, CA 95403-8676— Email: margrethebaekgaard@danishsoldiersclub.com

Also remember that you can pay online thru

PayPal at www.danishsoldiersclub.com



Email or mail this order no later than Tuesday prior to the lunch to:

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Order form for Smørrebrød at \$20.00 each

Yes, I wish to order lunch for Kastania Fælled. My check is enclosed

Four pieces of Smørrebrød of which one is

SALMON

Total plates with Salmon

Four pieces of Smørrebrød of which one is

SHRIMP

Total plates with Shrimp

Four pieces of Smørrebrød of which one is

HERRING

Total plates with Herring

Four pieces of "non-seafood" Smørrebrød

REGULAR

Total plates Regular

Drink Tickets are 3 for \$12.00, or 6 for \$20.00. Please specify quantity _____
1 ticket for any mixed drink, wine or beer. Soft drinks 1/2 ticket. Bottled water free.

Name: _____ Check amount _____

VALENTINES DAY IN DENMARK

Every year Valentine's Day is celebrated on 14th February with extreme joy and verve here in the United States, but it got me thinking do they celebrate in Denmark and if so how. Through the wonders of Google this is what I discovered.

Valentine's Day is celebrated with great parties and get togethers all over Denmark. Different flowers, gifts and cards are sent across the world to the near and dear ones. In Denmark, various Valentine events take place such as musical concerts, display shows, game shows and art exhibitions take place. People book party halls and restaurants for the celebration with their Valentine. Some people love to visit the Little Mermaid, Den Lille Havfure in Copenhagen and the famous Tivoli amusement park specially on Valentine's Day while some plan special Valentine at an appealing holiday spot.

People particularly in the age group of 16-30 more actively participate in the festival's celebrations. Thus, **Valentine's Day celebrations** are considered more youth-centered in Denmark. It's time for loving by giving and receiving love tokens. People generally take off from their busy schedule to celebrate the festival of love with their sweetheart.

Danish Valentine's Day Traditions

Valentine's Day in Denmark is celebrated in a very conventional way. Some sweet and romantic traditional activities are associated with the festival's celebration. Youngsters take proper care to follow the traditions to have a successful and romance filled love life. The three most popular traditions of Valentine's Day are:

Lover's Card

The tradition of 'lover's card' is the most popular and romantic Valentine's Day custom in Denmark. Earlier, these cards came in the form of transparent cards which reflected the picture of a lover presenting his beloved a

wonderful gift when it was kept in front of light. Now any card is called a Lover's Card. Every card shop is stocked up with colorful and musical lover's card with charming Valentine messages.

Custom of White Flowers

People celebrate the custom of White Flower with immense love and care. As per the tradition, people send white flowers called

'snowdrops' to their friends and lovers.



Tradition of Gaekkebrev

Young couples also write special love poems, beautiful romantic love notes and some funny poems known as **'gaekkebrev'**. It is customary for the sender of gaekkebrev to pen down a rhyme for his beloved. He is not required to put his name on it. He signs the message with dots for the lady. Now,



the girl who receives the card is supposed to guess the name of the sender. If she is able to guess the right name, then she is rewarded with an **'Easter Egg'** on that very year.

Denmark wins first world handball title, beating Norway

In January I started getting Facebook postings from friends of mine in Denmark about their country winning the World Handball Title. I will admit I do not know much about Handball as a Team Sport, so in this day and age when I do not know something I Google it. Here is what I found.

Handball is one of the most popular pastimes in Denmark, only exceeded by e.g. football (soccer to us Americans). *Handball* is a team sport in which two teams of seven players each pass a ball using their hands with the aim of throwing it into the goal of the



other team.

Playing on its home turf, Denmark snagged its first World Handball Championship title, beating Scandinavian rival Norway with a 31-22 win. Germany went home empty handed after losing the Bronze medal



match.to
France.

The match was attended by Crown Prince Fredrick and his family. Prince Fredrick handed



out the medals to the Danish Team. Danish defender Mikkel Hansen, who plays for the Paris Saint-Germain club, was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. The win also means Denmark will be heading to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, where they will be defending their title as Olympic champions after they took home the gold in Rio in 2016.

Mikkel Hansen becomes World Championship 2019 TOP scorer

